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SUBJECT: PROTECTION AND DISTRIBUTION TITLE II GRAIN STORED ROSSO

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 878, DAKAR 3699

1. MINHEALTH (GIRM DROUGHT RELIEF COORDINATOR) HAS RETURNED FROM JULY 11 TRIP TO ROSSO AND INFORMS US ARMY CONVOYS AND PRIVATE TRUCKERS EVACUATED 5,000 MT OF NEARLY 15,000 MT PL 480 GRAIN PREVIOUSLY STORED ROSSO. EVACUATION TOOK PLACE DURING WEEK JULY 4 THROUGH 11, MAINLY TO FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH REGIONS. MINISTER SAYS RECORD EVACUATION SPEED ACHIEVED BY ASSIGNMENT 100 ADDITIONAL TRUCKS TO TASK. HE IS STILL CONFIDENT ENTIRE REMAINING 10,000 MT GRAIN WILL BE MOVED TO PROVINCIAL DISTRIBUTION CENTERS BY END JULY. (FYI ABOVE EVACUATION REPORT INDEPENDENTLY CONFIRMED BY REP FREIGHT FORWARDER SCTT, WHO ACCOMPANIED MINISTER).

2. ONCE ALL GRAIN NOW OPEN-STORED AT ROSSO EVACUATED, MINISTER PLANS ASSIGN ADDITIONAL TRUCKS TO SPEED SHIPMENTS TO FIRST THREE REGIONS, WHICH WILL BE VIRTUALLY CUT OFF FROM OVERLAND ACCESS DURING PERIOD HEAVIEST RAINS. THIS WOULD MEAN TMT ONCE STOCKS AT ROSSO REACH 4-6,000 MT LEVEL (WHICH CAN BE ACCOMMODATED IN AVAILABLE COVERED STORAGE), MINISTER WOULD HAVE AVAILABLE SOME 180 TEN-TON TRUCKS FOR LONG UNCLASSIFIED

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DISTANCE HAULAGE TO FIRST THREE REGIONS. EVEN WITH THIS

ADDITIONAL CAPACITY, HOWEVER, MINISTER STILL ESTIMATES
FIRST THREE REGIONS WILL REMAIN SEVERE GRAIN DEFICIT AREAS
THROUGH OUT PRE-HARVEST PERIOD.

3. AADO GARNER PLANS VISIT ROSSO AGAIN NEXT WEEK TO SURVEY
GRAIN EVACUATION SITUATION. AT SAME TIME MINHEALTH PLANS
VISIT NEMA AND PERHAPS OTHER TOWNS IN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD
REGIONS TO REASSESS EMERGENCY FOOD NEED S AND TO CHECK ON
TRANSPORT PROBLEMS WHICH MAY BE ARISING WITH BEGINNINGS FIRST
LIGHT RAINS ALONG UNPREPARED TRACKS LEADING EASTWARD. WILL
SUBMIT FURTHER REPORTS ON EVACUATION/FOOD NEEDS FOLLOWING
THESE TRIPS. SHURTLEFF

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